

ABSTRACT

There is a treatment method for allowing cut flowers to be kept appearing like natural flowers for a long period of time for the purpose of decoration, comprising the steps of removing the tissue water of cut flowers of roses or the like, allowing polyethylene glycol to permeate into the tissue once filled with tissue water, and dyeing. The cut flowers are packed with leaves for offering as merchandise. However, leaves are generally thicker than petals and their nerves act as barriers. So, there are such problems that it is relatively difficult to perfectly dissolve out water and chlorophyll, and that in view of appearance, irregular dyeing is caused.

The present invention for solving the above problems is a treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, in which plant leaves are immersed in a dehydrating solvent to replace the tissue water of the leaves by the dehydrating solvent, subsequently immersed in a permeating solution containing polyethylene glycol and acetone, for allowing polyethylene glycol to permeate for replacing the dehydrating solvent, and dyed with a coloring matter, characterized in that said dehydrating solvent is a mixture consisting of acetone and ethyl alcohol.